

as a result of the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 02-3978.

In response to the Advisory Action mailed September 29, 2003, please refer to the following remarks:

**Remarks**

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the present remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 1-35 are currently pending. Claims 26-29 and 36-39 are allowed, and claims 1-25 and 30-35 that stand rejected are canceled without prejudice and place the application in condition for allowance after final action.

Unallowed claims 1-25 and 30-35 are being canceled herein without acquiescence in the Examiner's grounds for rejection. Applicants are canceling the claims for purposes of expediting prosecution. Applicants reserve the right, without prejudice or waiver, to prosecute the cancelled claims in a continuation application.

The present Amendment was not presented earlier because the Applicants believed that the prior Amendment had placed the application in a condition for allowance. Instead, the Examiner issued the Advisory Action rejecting amended claims 1-25 and 30-35. Therefore, this Amendment was the first opportunity for Applicants to reply to the Examiner's grounds of rejection in the Advisory Action. The present Amendment does not raise any new issues and does not require further searching on the part of the Examiner. It is believed that the present Amendment places the application, with allowed claims 26-29 and 36-39, in a condition for allowance. Entry is therefore solicited. If the Examiner believes that a telephone

conference will advance the prosecution of this application, such a conference is invited at the convenience of the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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